



**Policy Council on Children and Youth
&
Mendocino Child Abuse Prevention Council**

**Draft Minutes
8/19/21**

OPEN MEETING

- Meeting was called to order at 2:15 by Vice Chair Bekkie Emery
- Present: Bekkie Emery (Vice Chair), Jena Conner, Michelle Hutchins, Sheryn Hildebrand, John Haschack, Jade Aldrich, Julie Fetherston, Rosanne Ibarra, Lilly Caravello, Teri Sedrick, Rendy Smith, Izen Locatelli, Joanna Olson, Gina Danner, Natalie Shepard, Marianna (?), Cindi Mockel, Catrina Taylor and Heidi Cremelle

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

CONSENT ITEM

- Approval of Minutes for the PCCY meeting 5/18/21. Motion to approve minutes was made by Sheryn Hildebrand and seconded by Michelle Hutchins. Motion passed with Izen Locatelli abstaining.

SOLICIT CHAIR & VICE CHAIR FOR NEXT TERM

- Camille Schraeder was nominated for Chair and Bekkie Emery was nominated for Vice Chair. Motion to approve the nominations was made by Michelle Hutchins and seconded by Natalie Shepard. Motion passed.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON PROPOSED ADDITIONAL BY-LAW CHANGES

- Due to only four meetings a year, Chair proposed the following additional bylaws changes:
 - Change term of office for Chair and Vice Chair from a one year to a two year term (Article VI, A1 and B1).
 - Change the nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair from a 3 meeting process to a 2 meeting process and align the time frame to the term of service.
 - Update Article VIII B2 to reflect new name of CAC/CTAT standing committee to ACEs Community Resilience Team.

Motion to approve the additional by-laws updates was made by Cindi Mockel and seconded by Izen Locatelli. Motion passed.

HOW SCHOOLS ARE USING ONE-TIME FUNDING TO RETURN CHILDREN TO THE CLASSROOM AND IDENTIFICATION OF ANY CHALLENGES, BARRIERS, SUPPORTS NEEDED

- Discussion led by Vice-Chair Bekkie Emery and Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE) Superintendent Michelle Hutchins
 - Funds have gone towards school facilities to improve the HVAC systems. Funds have also been shifted into teaching, tutoring, school supplies, etc.
 - Mental health issues with children- MCOE and schools have been partnering with Mental Health for services to support youth.
 - Barriers to children returning to the classroom in-person: misinformation regarding vaccinations, masking, etc., lack of personnel. Responsibility of independent study is on parents this year.
 - Supports needed: support the importance of vaccine campaigns. Suggestion for schools to provide easy to read messaging to parents about how schools are keeping children safe.

FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA) PART 4:

- Overview presentation by Jena Conner regarding Part 4 of the Family First Prevention Services Act: Placement of foster youth in congregate care settings; and discussion of challenges.
 - Requirements apply to new foster care placements in congregate care settings (Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs- STRTPs) effective 10/1/21.
 - Assessment by a Qualified Individual (QI) is required within 30 days of the placement.
 - Court approval must be obtained within 60 days of placement.
 - STRTPs must have access to 24/7 nursing services (hotline is being provided by the State).
 - 6 months of aftercare must be offered/provided to the youth and family when youth exits a STRTP to home-based care.

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT CHILD WELFARE CHALLENGES SUPPORTING YOUTH WITH DIFFICULT BEHAVIORS

- Discussion led by Jena Conner regarding system support for youth with difficult behaviors and opportunities for supporting parents/caregivers of youth with difficult behaviors to alleviate the need for foster care or placement in an STRTP.

REPORT OUT:

- Inland Child Abuse Prevention Council (Aces Community Resilience Team): No report.
- Coast Child Abuse Prevention Council (Advocates Supporting Coast Kids): Community Resiliency Model (CRM) trainings are available so children have resources.
- Children's Health Committee:

- Cindi Mockel is looking for a presenter for 15-20 minutes on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) for the committee. Cindy will get in touch with Izen Locatelli for presentation partner.
- Next Meeting- September 15, 2021 – Topics to include: Adolescent Sexuality, Child Trafficking, Care for Her and Planned Parenthood.
- Proposed Agenda Item for next meeting:
 - Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part 1

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned 3:55 pm

NEXT MEETING:

November 18, 2021 – via zoom